

## COLUMBIA MAY HAVE AN AMUSEMENT PARK

Three Persons Have Offered to Buy Three Acres for the Purpose.

### WOULD HAVE ELECTRIC LINE

J. M. Sherman Wants Site Far Enough from Town For Trolley Ride.

A plan to purchase a tract of land near Columbia for a park by private subscription, the profits of which shall be used to purchase the land from the original owners and give the tract to the city, has been mapped out by J. S. Sherman, superintendent of the Columbia water and light plant. A plan was suggested by Mr. Sherman at the last merchants' noonday lunch, and since that time he has prepared a plan and for the work of obtaining signatures. The plan was presented by E. B. Cauthorn, secretary of the Commercial Club, yesterday.

The petition which will be circulated for names states how the land shall be purchased and describes the method whereby the land will revert to the city for its use without any loss to the investors. It was not formed, according to Mr. Sherman, to promote any private company which was seeking to build an amusement park for private gain, but rather it was originated to obtain such a park for the city, to be owned and operated by the city as soon as it was on a paying basis.

#### To Contain 80 Acres.

Each signer to the paper pledges to buy one acre of land, and the plan stipulates that all the purchases promised will be made in the same tract of land. The location has not been decided upon, and will not be until enough signers are obtained to warrant making the deal. Mr. Sherman said this morning that he thought 60 or 80 acres, or even more, would be about the amount of land needed, and as soon as this number of signers are obtained, the purchase of the land is assured.

When all the land is bought, according to the plan, the park will be opened for improvement and concessions. If the plan is successful, the money invested should pay a dividend, and with this money, parts of the land will be bought back from the original purchasers and deeded to the city. This will continue until all the land is bought from the separate owners, and the whole park is owned by the city.

#### Electric Line to Park.

It is intended that the place shall be located far enough from Columbia to allow the operation of an electric line to the park. This, it is said, would help to make the place more attractive, and would be an incentive to the construction of more electric roads about the town.

The paper which will be circulated for signers, as prepared by Mr. Sherman, follows:

"For the purpose of forming a company to purchase ground for a park that will eventually be turned over to the city of Columbia for the pleasure and the enjoyment of her citizens, we the undersigned propose to obtain a suitable location for a park and turn it over to the city in the following manner:

"Each member agrees to purchase an acre of ground and when a sufficient number joins the company to purchase a suitable sized location, then a location will be chosen by a vote of the members and this land purchased.

#### For A Shoot-The-Chutes.

"They will then sell concessions to pop-corn, merry-go-rounds, moving picture shows, shoot-the-chutes, and all other proper amusements that might want space in the park.

"The proceeds from these concessions will go to pay the members' interest on the price they paid for one acre.

"As any surplus of receipts accumulates, an acre of the park is to be bought from any one of the members who might want to dispose of his interest.

"As these payments are made for each individual acre of land, then in a legal manner let the title of this land be presented to the city of Columbia to use forever as a pleasure ground for her citizens.

"If none of the members wants to sell his acre when there is any money in the treasury, then lots must be drawn to decide who must sell.

#### To Come Under City's Control.

"When the city is in complete control of the park, it will be its option

### TO BE WARMER, SAYS FORECAST

The Weather Will be Fair Tonight And Thursday.

The weather forecast for Columbia and vicinity is: "Fair tonight and probably Thursday. Warmer." The temperatures today were:

7 a. m.....63	11 a. m.....79
8 a. m.....70	12 noon.....80
9 a. m.....72	1 p. m.....81
10 a. m.....78	2 p. m.....82

### TO TALK RAILROAD AT LUNCH

Business Men Will Discuss Situation Here at Noon Tomorrow.

The subject for discussion at the merchants' Thursday noonday lunch, to be held tomorrow at the Leighton cafe, will be the railroad situation in Columbia. Since the news of the sale of the bonds for the construction of the Kansas City-St. Louis Electric railroad has reached Columbia, it was thought by the men in charge of the luncheon that the topic should be publicly discussed.

The luncheon tomorrow will be the third of the series started three weeks ago. The luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock.

## TO PREACH IN LONDON

The Rev. W. Jasper Howell Will Spend Vacation in Europe.

The Rev. W. Jasper Howell, pastor of First Baptist church in Columbia, will leave next week for Europe, where he will spend about a month's vacation. He will go first to England, and July 31 he will preach at the Fernie Park Baptist church in London. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Charles Brown, is said to be one of the foremost preachers in England.

During the first part of August, Dr. Howell expects to be in Switzerland, and will attend the passion play at Oberammergau. The last two Sundays in August he will occupy the pulpit of the Rev. Dr. Jewett, in Birmingham, Ala. He will return to Columbia about September 1.

### TEACHERS SAW '57 VARIETIES'

Summer Students Visited Experiment Fields Yesterday Afternoon.

Pickles, it has been learned by school teachers attending the summer session at the University of Missouri, are not the only things that are grouped in "57 varieties." On the experiment fields at the state farm there are fifty-seven varieties of cabs.

Yesterday afternoon a class of sixty-eight summer students went out to the experiment fields, south of Rothwell Gymnasium, to learn to distinguish between the different varieties. They have been taking courses in agronomy and the visit to the field yesterday was to supplement the theory with the practical, to show them the oats in the field.

The differences between the kinds were shown them, and later perhaps a "test" will be had to see if they have learned to distinguish these differences. Some of the teachers expect to teach courses in agriculture in the rural schools, and it is expected that this knowledge will be carried by them, through their pupils, to the farmers of the state.

"I never saw so many 'Welcomes' and 'Wide-awakes' before," said one young woman teacher, who evidently had not studied crops very closely before. All the varieties are classified in four groups, "Welcome," "Wide-awake," "Seizure" and miscellaneous. The class was in charge of F. H. Donahoe, instructor in agronomy.

#### Card Party This Morning.

Miss Katherine Hinton, daughter of Judge E. W. Hinton, gave a card party this morning at her home on Stewart Road in honor of Miss Frances Fuqua, who is a guest of Miss Marjorie Jones, on Keiser avenue.

to continue the concession and receive the benefit therefrom, or discontinue it and make the tract of land, wherever it may be, one of the beauty spots of Missouri.

"The ground should be purchased far enough from town for the pleasure seeker to get away for a time from the noise and bustle of the city, and that distance might be an inducement or starter for someone to put in the first mile or two of an electric railway."

Three signers have been obtained without any soliciting. The petition is at Mr. Cauthorn's office, and any who care to investigate the matter can confer with him or Mr. Sherman. The petition probably will be circulated within the next few days.

## ROAD REPAIR WILL SAVE RURAL ROUTES

Farmers Must Begin Repairing at Once if Service Is to be Continued.

### TIME LIMIT IS AUGUST 1

Post Office Department Says Carriers' Work Is Made Too Hard.

The only way the farmers of Boone county can prevent the rural free delivery service from being suspended by the Post Office Department on account of the almost impassable condition of the roads in the county, is to take the matter in charge themselves, and make the necessary repairs, according to E. A. Remley, postmaster at Columbia. The condition of the roads has been reported to the Washington officials several times in the last year by the Columbia postmaster and the service has been continued only at his special request.

There are ten rural routes leaving Columbia, and about half of them are unfit for use, making the work of the carriers more than is expected of them. The complaints were made last spring, and when the matter was reported to the Washington department, Mr. Remley was told to make arrangements for the discontinuance of the worst routes, and the continuance of the better ones. He soon found that this was impracticable and almost impossible. The discrimination between the routes might be construed in some instances a personal slight, and the trouble that would result might be worse than the present conditions.

#### Must be Better by August 1.

Mr. Remley informed the department at Washington that this plan could not be followed out, and he was instructed to extend the time until August 1, after which the service should be discontinued on all the routes if all the roads were not put in condition.

"The only thing that can be done now," said Mr. Remley this morning, "is to repair the roads, and I would like to ask that the farmers of the county see that something is done, or definite arrangements for action in the near future be made at once. It is almost impossible to discriminate between the good and the bad roads, and the only way the condition can be remedied is for all the farmers on the routes to see that the roads are repaired. Three extensions of time have been granted already, but after August 1, the whole service will have to be discontinued unless the roads are put in a passable condition."

## APPEAL IS DISMISSED

Defendants in \$3,000 Real Estate Case Denied Hearing by Higher Court.

The appeal of the defendants in the case of Maude B. Boyce et al. against John L. Ginrich and E. L. Daugherty was dismissed in the Kansas City Court of Appeals, last week, according to a mandate received in Columbia yesterday by the circuit clerk. The jury in the trial here at the last term of circuit court granted the plaintiffs \$3,000 damages for the real estate agents' misrepresentation in a land deal for a farm in Kansas. The plaintiffs asked for \$4,000, but after about 15 minutes of deliberation, the jury granted them \$3,000.

The defendants, who are the appellants in this case, will take the case again on a writ of error.

#### PICNIC FOR STUDENTS

Those Who Have Attended Warrensburg Normal to Have Outing.

A picnic for the students in the University of Missouri who have attended the Warrensburg Normal will be held Saturday, July 23. It was decided upon at a meeting this morning.

Dr. Hawkins of the Warrensburg State Normal will deliver an address. Prof. W. W. Charters of the University and A. C. Hudson president of the club also will speak. It has not been decided where they will have their picnic, but they probably will spend the afternoon at Rollins Spring. There are seventy-eight in the club.

## CHICKENS STOLEN; STUDENTS—WELL!

The Silence of Some Members of U. D. Club Looks Suspicious, But—

### THEY DENY IT, STILL—

Professor Away from Home and Fowls Are Missing, and Anyway—

"Who stole the chickens?" "Were they really stolen?" "If not, where did the chickens come from which have been served at 'spreads' at the University Dining Club?"

Answers to these questions would be interesting to more than 100 students eating at the club—and perhaps others.

The 'spread' at the club last Friday night was attended by ten of the regular boarders and four guests—and three of the guests were girls. The three chickens were taken to the club dressed ready to be cooked Friday afternoon. They were served at the regular supper time.

Chickens were stolen from the chicken-house of Dr. L. S. Backus, instructor of veterinary science in the University, at 1301 Keiser avenue Thursday night. Dr. Backus is in New York City.

All of the regular boarders at the club who were at the 'spread' deny that the chickens were stolen. Five of the 'regulars' were young women. The affair has been called to the attention of professors in the university, but they refuse to say anything about it.

The 'guilty' students have begun to smile about the matter—a little. It is said the affair has been 'hushed.' If the chickens served at the club were stolen, they have been paid for, it is said, and if they were not stolen, the matter has been explained to the professors.

#### TO PROTECT SEED CORN

S. M. Jordan, "Missouri Corn Man," Has Device to Protect Farmers.

A device to enable farmers to protect their seed corn from rats and mice through the winter has been made by S. M. Jordan, the "Missouri Corn Man." It is now being shown in the basement of the Agricultural Building at the University of Missouri. The device can be made by most any 15-year-old farmer boy. It requires a board—the size doesn't matter—and some 10-penny finishing nails. The nails are driven through the board and the ears of corn are stuck on the nails. The nails are stuck into the cob and the ear stands out from the board, inclined slightly upward so they will not fall off when the rack is tied by a string to the rafters in the top of the granary.

In the one made by Mr. Jordan the board is 10 by 20 inches and there are sixty nails in it, placed just far enough apart so that the ears will not touch each other. This allows ventilation between the ears, which, Mr. Jordan says, is an especially good feature of the device. The nails are driven through from both sides of the board and an ear is placed on each nail.

The rack being shown at the Agricultural Building will hold, when shelled, about forty-eight pounds of corn. On a board 10 by 24 inches a bushel of seed corn may be placed, Mr. Jordan says.

#### The Maker.

"James A. Patten has a fine house in Chicago," said a New York broker. "I dined with him there one night last month.

"After dinner I admired a superb statue in the drawing room. 'Splendid statue, that,' I said. 'What's made out of—bronze or copper?'

"I made it out of cotton," said Mr. Patten."—New York Tribune.

Questions on beauty aids, social customs and affairs that come up daily in the experience of busy people will receive prompt answers from the Chaperon.—Kansas Star.

#### Tiresome.

He—I think your family name is such a fine one.

She—Do you? I get dreadfully tired of it.—London Opinion.

Policemen in Kansas City are to be armed with lead pencils, following the old rule about the pen being mightier than the sword.—Kansas City Star.

### 73 FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Three Railroads Sending Students to Short Course in Agriculture.

The University of Missouri is practically sure of having seventy-three students in the short course for farmers this winter. That many men from farms in Missouri will attend the course free of expenses. The railroads of Missouri are offering seventy-three \$100 scholarships in the short term.

The last railroad to announce its intention to give scholarships in the university was the Santa Fe, which has recently informed Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture of its decision. It will give a scholarship in each county through which its line passes. Just what the scholarships will be given for has not been decided, but it will be some competition of farmers. The road passes through ten counties.

The Wabash will give a \$100 scholarship to the student from each county through which the road passes who made the best average grades in the short course last winter. The Wabash goes through eighteen counties in this state.

The St. Louis and San Francisco railroad will give a \$100 scholarship to some farmer in each of forty-five counties. The scholarships are to be awarded in corn growing contests. In each county there is to be a corn show, and the person who grows the best ten ears will be given the scholarship.

## TO MEET IN COLUMBIA

Acacia Fraternity Will Hold National Conclave Here in September.

The annual National Conclave of the Acacia fraternity will be held in Columbia September 13-16, and one delegate from twenty-three chapters in American universities will attend. In addition to the delegates, many Masons from towns in the state are expected to be here during the session. The conclave was held in Philadelphia last year.

One delegate from each of the following schools will attend the session in Columbia: Michigan University, Leeland Stanford University, Kansas University, University of Nebraska, University of California, Ohio State University, Harvard University, University of Illinois, University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, Cornell University, University of Missouri, Purdue University, University of Chicago, Yale University, Columbia University, Iowa State College, University of Iowa, Pennsylvania State College, University of Oregon, University of Washington, and Northwestern University.

#### BIG EXHIBIT FOR STATE FAIR

College of Agriculture is Planning For Display at Sedalia in October.

The College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri is planning to send a larger exhibit to the State Fair at Sedalia in October than it has ever sent before, according to F. B. Mumford, dean of the department. J. Ed. Crumbaugh, who is to have charge of the display, will go to Sedalia tomorrow to arrange for the space which will be given to the College of Agriculture.

Heretofore the exhibit from the University has been scattered over the fair grounds, but this year it is planned to arrange in one collection everything sent from here. The grain products will occupy one end of the agricultural building and it is planned to build a stock pavilion just outside the agricultural building.

#### COLUMBIA 7, ASHLAND 0.

Owls Easily Won Game Yesterday—Many Went From Here.

The Columbia Owls baseball team won from the Ashland team at Ashland yesterday afternoon by a score of 7 to 0. Many persons, perhaps 100, went to Ashland from Columbia in automobiles.

It is not known definitely whether the ball game or the candidates' speeches was the attraction for the Columbia people.

#### No Methodist Prayer Meeting.

The regular prayer meeting at the Methodist church will not be held tonight, on account of the camp meeting that is being conducted on North Eighth street by Rev. C. M. Aker.

#### Dean Jones on Vacation.

Dr. J. C. Jones, dean of the College of Arts and Science, is spending his annual vacation at his home in Columbia.

## BOND SALE INSURES ELECTRIC RAILROAD

15 Million Dollars Has Been Raised by Promoters in Paris.

### KANSAS CITY TO ST. LOUIS

The Trains Will Run Hourly Through Columbia, it Is Said.

The construction of the Kansas City-St. Louis Electric railroad has been assured by the sale of bonds amounting to \$15,000,000 in Paris by the promoters of the road. The news of the sale reached Kansas City yesterday in a cablegram from D. C. Nevins, president of the company, and Columbia today in a letter received by E. B. Cauthorn, secretary of the Columbia Commercial Club, from his brother, W. B. Cauthorn, of Kansas City, one of the engineers of the line and a stockholder in the company. The sale of the bonds makes the scheme a reality.

The cablegram stated that the bonds had been sold and that the money for the construction would be available as soon as the bonds were printed, signed and delivered to the investors in Europe. The directors met yesterday in Kansas City and approved the action of the president. It was decided at first to suppress the news, but the rumor was confirmed yesterday in Kansas City by H. E. Insley, secretary of the company.

"The sale of the bonds makes the building of the electric railway between Kansas City and St. Louis a reality," he said, "and in a comparatively short time. When the bonds are delivered the money will be available. It will then be only a matter of letting the contracts and going ahead with the building of the road. We have been working on the project for a year and a half."

The road is incorporated with a capital of 15 million dollars. The engineering corps has established 75 per cent of the route. It is to be by way of Blue Springs, Oak Grove, Odessa, Higginsville, Marshall Arrowrock, New Franklin and Columbia.

#### Dining and Sleeping Cars.

It is proposed to run trains hourly with stops at all small stations. Four express trains daily will stop only at the larger stations. Those trains will carry dining and sleeping cars. The road will carry mail, express and freight, the freight trains to be operated principally at night.

These are the officers of the road: D. C. Nevins, president; John H. Berkshire, vice-president; B. L. Dorsey, Alton, Ill., second vice-president; H. E. Insley, secretary and auditor; Henry V. Johnson, treasurer. About half of the stock was subscribed in Scotland and abroad.

The company has ten thousand acres of coal lands in Boone, Howard and Lafayette counties. The power plant will be built near these fields so electric power may be generated at the minimum cost.

C. A. Loomis was elected general counsel by the directors in yesterday's meetings. The Commerce Trust Company was selected trustee to act under a deed of trust to the bondholders.

#### CANDIDATES AT ASHLAND

Ladies of Churches Served "Eats" For Crowd That Heard Speeches.

About 500 persons heard the candidates for office in Boone county speak at Ashland, fifteen miles south of Columbia, yesterday. The women of the churches are taking care of the "inner man" while the candidates are telling why they should be elected to office.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church served a dinner, and the ladies of the Baptist and Christian churches sold ice cream.

#### MARKET QUOTATIONS

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, III., July 12.—The market quotations today, as furnished by the Bright Live Stock Commission Company, are:

Cattle—4,000; steady at yesterday's decline of 8 cents.  
Hogs—12,000; 5 to 10 cents lower; top \$9.40.  
Sheep—3,000; steady.